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My dear Friend I hope thou will kindly excuse the liberty I take in enclosing to thee a copy of the Memorial recently addressed by our Meeting for Sufferings to the Queen of Spain. The question of the abolition of Slavery in the Spanish Colonies is in a Critical position at the present time. — A deep interest in the subject is now felt by the people in Spain, and this interest has been mainly created by private labours among the Public Press of Madrid and the Provincial Towns. — Addresses have also been sent to Spain from other bodies in this Country as well as from France & Holland, but so far none have

proceeded from America. — There is at the present time, a considerable amount of interest felt in favour of the abolition of slavery by a portion of the Spanish Colonists themselves. — But the Government of Spain is slow to move in any right direction, and it has occurred to me that this cause of justice and mercy might be helped if your Meeting for Sufferings or Representative Body were to see it right to Address the Queen of Spain also. —

At the International Anti Slavery Conference recently held in Paris, a large number of persons from Cuba & Porto Rico attended — the disclosures made in private conversation by some of these were of the most harrowing discription — there will of course be exceptions, but the general treatment is indicated by the fact that notwithstanding the introduction into Cuba by the Slave trade in time past of thirty to forty thousand annually for many years, it does not

appear that the Population has at all increased. — It is said that a Slaves working life in Cuba averages only about eight years — to use an expression familiar in the Island, they are used up in about that time. —

Our Address was Kindly forwarded by Lord Stanley Principal Secretary for Foreign Affairs through the British Embassy at Madrid. — Should your Meeting believe it right to act, Perhaps you may make the Ambassadour for the United States in Madrid your medium of presentation — it has been a great satisfaction to me to learn that he feels an interest in the subject. —

Your Nation can speak as no other can, on the evils and dangers of delay and the lamentable Consequences of the obstinate retention of Slavery by your Southern States. —

Desiring that you may be rightly

guided in the matter, and that should you believe it right to act the Divine blessing may rest upon your efforts.

Remain with love & esteem.

Very sincerely thine,

Joseph Cooper

My dear Friend
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

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The above is a copy of what I have addressed to a few of our friends in America — But what the cause needs at the present moment is the utterance in America of the powerful moral protest of some who like thyself have a European reputation — I was glad to hear of thy safe arrival and shall rejoice to hear that thy health has been improved & confirmed —

Very sincerely thine

Joseph Cooper